



LOUISIANA SENATE

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SENATOR THOMPSON SUPPORTS SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE

DECLARES APRIL 17, 2012 AS KOMEN FOR THE CURE DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE

District 34 State Senator Francis Thompson (D - Delhi) spent the day with supporters and survivors from Susan G. Komen for the Cure on Tuesday, April 17 in an effort to help spread their message and emphasize the importance of early detection and the Louisiana Breast and Cervical Health Program (LBCHP), the state's breast cancer screening program.

In Senate Resolution 21, Sen. Thompson commends the organization for helping improve quality of life in local communities through LBCHP and declares April 17, 2012 as Komen for the Cure day the Louisiana Legislature.

Additionally, Susan G. Komen representatives presented Sen. Thompson and other state officials with a stack of petitions in support of LBCHP and urged them to advocate for funding for the vital organization.



From left to right: Senator Francis Thompson presents Janet Dewey-Kollen, Executive Director, Baton Rouge Komen Affiliate, and Dianne Guillot, Northeast Louisiana Komen Affiliate, with a resolution commending the organization and declaring April 17, 2012 as Komen for the Cure Day at the Louisiana Legislature.



Senator Francis Thompson (left) and Speaker of the House Chuck Kleckley (center) are presented with a stack of petitions urging the support of LBCHP from Dianne Guillot, Northeast Louisiana Komen Affiliate (right).

"I am ready to get to work for the cure for cancer," said Sen. Thompson. "By providing critical services to un- and under-insured women, this organization proves to be a true asset to our state and nation. I will do everything in my power to preserve funding for LBCHP."

LBCHP is a program funded jointly by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and the state of Louisiana, via funding provided in the state budget to the LSU Health Care Services Division. The program delivers screening services to women in the state and has served more than 47,000 women since opening in 2002.